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BRIEFS

NAACP plans rally against racial terrorists

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—The local NAACP branch has announced a boycott of Campbell Soup Co. products to protest the company's decision to close a processing plant.

Members and supporters of the group are being urged not to buy soup or other canned products from Campbell because of the loss of hundreds of blue-collar jobs at the Camden manufacturing plant, said the Rev. William L. King, president of the county chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"This is in response to the imminent closing of the Camden plant and the apparent reneging of the company's plan to build world headquarters in Camden," said King.

Civil rights groups complain of state police tactic

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—State police officials say there is no truth to published reports that troopers have engaged in a campaign to harass blacks and homosexuals.

The police issued their denial after a survey by a Rutgers University researcher found a disproportionate number of arrests by state police on the New Jersey Turnpike involve black drivers with out of state license plates.

Civil rights attorneys went to court to force the police to release arrest statistics they feel will bolster the Rutgers statistician's study, according to a report in The New York Times reported in Monday's editions.

Camden NAACP calls for soup boycott

NEW YORK (AP)—The NAACP announced Saturday plans for a "Say No to Racial Terrorists" rally in response to recent acts of violence against members of the civil rights organization.

The main rally will be held at the headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore on April 16, said NAACP executive director Benjamin L. Hooks.

"We are asking our branches in as many cities as possible to consider holding similar rallies in which they and other groups and institutions will speak out against racism and take a stand against the terrorists," Hooks said in a statement released at the conclusion of the NAACP's annual board meeting.

Rock lyrics and terrorism

New Jersey (AP)—The Middlesex County prosecutor's office monitors various music and literature of hate crime suspects as part of a special task force.

"The component evaluates the effects of heavy metal lyrics on the acts of vandalism," county prosecutor Alan Rochford said about the Joint Unit to Stop Terrorism, which was formed four years ago in response to an outbreak of racist and anti-Semitic incidents.

"We've found not only the heavy metal influence but a progression from heavy metal music and the fixation or obsession with violence, weapons and thunder-

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Malcolm's wisdom still appreciated after 25 years

"I respect Malcolm X because he took a stand in the contribution of presenting the true teachings of Islam after his return from Mecca," said Fabeemah El-Amin, of Plainfield.

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Malcolm X. Since his assassination on February 21, 1965, he is still remembered and respected as a leader.

El-Amin said, she did not become a member of the Nation of Islam until after the death of Malcolm X.

Malcolm X studied under the late Honorable Elijah Mohammed, a leader of the Nation of Islam. Throughout the United States, there are schools named after El-Hajj Muhammad's wife, Sister Clara Muhammad.

Malcolm X was a friend of Mohammed however, he later broke away from under the leadership of Mohammed and acquired many followers of his own. The Nation of Islam is under the leadership of Warith Deen Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad.

"I have a very high respect for Malcolm X," said Safiyah Salim

of Newark. "Malcolm spoke a lot of the truth."

Salim recently watched Malcolm X on "Like It Is," a television program. A continuation of this program will be shown on Sunday, February 25.

"I found that looking at programs and reading autobiographies such as 'The Autobiography of Malcolm X' written by Alex Haley, is a way of educating people about Malcolm X as well as other famous leaders," said Salim.

During the trip to Mecca in the 1960s, Malcolm observed a difference in the teachings of the religion there.

According to Salim, Malcolm X was very much disturbed with the term "Black Muslims" which seemed limited. "His visit to Mecca contributed to the 'Nation of Islam' as we are called," added El-Amin.

Malcolm X found the Muslims in Mecca to be people of all colors. They all worship one God.

"Malcolm's thoughts and ideas which he brought back from Mecca, created controversy within (Continued on page 10)

Experts trace negative portrayals of blacks in popular culture

BOSTON (AP)—After Willie Horton attacked a white couple while on furlough from a state prison, George Bush's campaign seized his image as a potent political weapon.

When Charles Stuart plotted the killing of his wife, as police have come to believe, he thought he could convince an entire city that a black man had committed the crime. And he nearly succeeded in doing so for more than two months.

Both cases tapped into white fears and the stereotype of a ruthless, marauding black man, even though Horton's furlough was one of many and Carol Stuart was more likely to be killed by her husband than by a black

stranger. Researchers and civil libertarians say the images of American blacks, once obviously racist portrayals of blacks as dim-witted, careless or dangerous, are more subtle these days—but no less persistent or damaging.

"There's no question race is being used more often as a political tool," said Harvard University law professor Alan Dershowitz. "Race is used and exploited in politics. It corresponds to people's fears, and it's being used on both sides."

Patricia Turner, a professor of black studies at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, traces negative portrayals of blacks in popular culture since before the Civil War.

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New Brunswick housing authority makes affordable homes available through lease/purchase plan

New Brunswick, N.J.—A unique opportunity for families to become homeowners. That is how the city of New Brunswick describes the newest phase of its innovative lease/purchase program where families can purchase, with only \$1,000 down, a newly constructed home at the Hampton Club.

"This new phase of the lease/purchase program will make homes available to families without a large down payment," said New Brunswick Mayor John A. Lynch.

Families who were locked out of the housing market now have the opportunity to share in the great American dream of home ownership.

The New Brunswick Housing Authority will obtain the funding

to purchase 140 homes for the new lease/purchase program through a \$15.5 million bond issue which was recently approved by the local Finance Board of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

The availability of these newly constructed homes through the Lease/Purchase Program has generated an overwhelming response from the public," said Lynch, who was recently elected President of the New Jersey State Senate. "We invite anyone interested in the program to visit The Hampton Club or Renaissance Station, the two developments participating in the program."

More than 150 families visited the Hampton Club and Renaissance Station and reservations for 42 of the first 60

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State Senator and Newark Councilman Ronald Rice (2nd from right) has been named "African-American of the Year" by the Essex County Board of Freeholders. Presenting the award are (left to right) Freeholder Sara Bost of Irvington, Freeholder Leroy Jones of East Orange and Freeholder Delores Battle of Newark.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Mayor Sharpe James and Deputy City Clerk Mark Davis, far right, give the oath to the newly reappointed Central Planning Board members, from left to right, Anthony Machado, Antonio Seabra and Mamie Bridgeton.

photo by William Ramona

Mayor James re-appoints members of planning board

Mayor Sharpe James today re-appointed three citizen members of the Newark Central Planning Board to four-year terms, calling them "key players in the City's ongoing economic renaissance and social rebirth."

Deputy City Clerk, Mark Davis, swore in the board mem-

bers: Antonio Seabra, a Newark restaurateur and businessman; Mamie Bridgeton, chairman of the Behavioral Science Department of Essex County College and Anthony Machado, vice principal of Newark's East Side High School.

Speaking on the Planning Board re-appointees, Mayor James

said, "The renaissance that continues to rejuvenate our great city is testimony to the fine job they are doing on the planning board. I am glad to grant them re-appointment to this outstanding commission because of the tremendous job they are doing."

Newark writing to read program

Computer sounds, digitalized voices, and vivid colors capture the interest of Newark children in kindergarten and first grade classes as they use computers to write phonemically what they can say and then read what they were able to write.

These young students in seventeen Newark elementary schools are using a computer program called "Writing to Read," developed by Dr. John Henry Martin for IBM. The program, based on research, indicates that most kindergarten children enter school with a speaking vocabulary of more than 2,000 words and that children can use their existing skills as they learn to write phonemically the sounds of English words.

Mississippi is putting the program into every kindergarten and first grade classroom in the entire state at a cost of 13 million dollars. Funding was provided by a 7 million dollar gift from two businessmen, with the state providing an additional 6 million to install the



Courtesy of the Newark Board of Education Photo by Howard Baer

computer stations. The Newark district is using the program to supplement rather than to supplant the regular primary curriculum. Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell, said, "Although it's too soon to assess the program, there is no doubt that these programs generate high interest in children," said Eugene C. Campbell, executive superintendent.

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CITY PEOPLE



The Rev. Martin Luther King was remembered during a ceremony at which Newark Mayor Sharpe James unveiled a bronze statue of the slain civil rights leader. King Memorial Hall located at City Hall, is filled with memorabilia of King's last visit to Newark, which was 10 days before his assassination in Memphis, Tenn. The exhibit is part of the city's Black History Month observance, sponsored by the MLK Commemorative Commission. Photo by Glen Friesen.



Newark area youngsters were treated to an N.C.A.A. basketball game at the Meadowlands arena. The young people's tickets to the Saton Hall/Georgetown game were made possible through the 'New Day' program designed to give Newark's youth positive recreational experiences. Photo by Glen Friesen



Henry Martinez, Newark City Council President, presided over dedication ceremonies held in honor of Anthony J. Guiliano, Jr. At the ceremony, the North Police District Precinct building, located at 1 Lincoln Plaza in Newark was designated as the 'Anthony J. Guiliano, Jr. Memorial Building.'



Plainfield—On January 27, William E. Populus, Jr. was installed as President of the Plainfield Area Board of Realtors (PABR). Populus is serving his second term as President of the PABR, a 1,000 member organization serving realtors and realtor associates in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Dunellen and Piscataway. The installation luncheon was held at the Mansion in Fanwood.

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The Newark Chapter of the Frontier's International elected their new officers which will be installed on February 23, at an organizational dinner held at the Quality Inn, Robert Frost Center, in Newark from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

John Tallafiero, Jr., an active member of the Frontiers Newark Club for the past twelve years will be installed as president.

Other officers to be installed are John M. Jackson, first V.P.; Clyde Minter, second V.P.; James E. Sneed, executive secretary; Joe Marshall, financial secretary; Aaron Keys, treasurer; and Curtis Staiks, sergeant at arms.

Frontier's International is a National Service Organization comprised of professional, business, religious, political and educational leaders.



Art and J.P. Powell hosted a Valentine cruise given by the Friends of Distinction. Couples enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing and enjoying the spectacular New York skyline.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 21

Essex County College-Crossroads Theatre Company presents "Zora" by Lawrence Holder 7:00 p.m. Mary B. Burch Theatre Info: 877-3208

February 22

Plainfield Business Association meeting at Plainfield High School. Marcus Desler, Executive Director-Dept of Economic Development. Info: 755-1133/756-0110

February 23

The students of Park Middle School in Scotch Plains will perform Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" at the Jerseyland Park Community Center, 783 Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. 7 p.m. Admission is free.

February 24

The Newark Museum-Family Film Program, "Green Pastures" 3:30 p.m. Billy Johnson Auditorium, 53 Washington Street. Call 596-6550.

Ensemble Theatre Company presents "The Black Terror" by Richard Westley, at Newark Symphony Hall Studio Theatre, 1020 Broad Street. 3 and 8 p.m. Call 648-0569.

Harambee Theatre Company-Play, "Footprints in Time" 12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Essex County College. Info: 877-3208.

February 25

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart presents the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra in concert at Clifton and Park Avenues. 3 p.m. Admissions: \$5, \$10 and \$20. Call 484-4600.

New Jersey State Opera presents opening night of "Madam Butterfly" at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street. Admissions: \$10 - \$60. Call 623-5775.

Newark Division Chapter of African-American Postal League for Success (A-Plus), first honorary award presentation, "Strategies and Tactics for the 90's" for all postal employees and invited guest in Hillside. 4 p.m. Call 964-6645.

February 26

Essex County College-African American History Month Committee presents Atallah Shabazz, p.m. Mary B. Burch Theatre, 303 University Avenue. Info: 877-3208.

The Board of Education/School Community Relations Committee meeting will be held at Clinton School in Plainfield. 7 p.m.

The Honorable Harold W. Mitchell, Mayor of Plainfield, invites all senior citizens to attend a Black History Month Observance, at 1 p.m. at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center, 305 East Front Street. Guest Speaker is Dr.

Leonard Bethel, professor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and Minister of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Plainfield. Call 753-3506.

College of Saint Elizabeth. Actress Schylen Qualls will present a one-woman presentation, "The Last Word" which is the concluding event of Black History Month at the college. 7 p.m. Call 292-6322.

February 27

Rutgers University-Newark presents "African Studies Lecture Series." The speaker will be Dr. Abiola Irele, from Ohio State University, Afro-American and African Studies Department. Topic: "The Harlem Renaissance Negritude Movement."

The Board of Education/Policy Committee meeting will meet at the Plainfield High School Conference room. 7 p.m.

February 28

Student National Medical Association (SNMNA) presents Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, Author, Anthropologist, Linguist, "Blacks in the Sciences: Particularly Medicine." Banquet and Jazz quartet Info: 456-5431

February-April

Union County College is offering two new courses in desktop publishing under the Dept of Continuing Education. Call 759-7601.

Julian Bond says minorities still lack economic equality

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP)—Longtime civil rights activist Julian Bond says minorities still lack economic equality and the struggle for parity can't wait.

He challenged citizens to become more active in the area of civil rights because "black Americans today face changes as daunting as the fireships and lilycolts of 30 years ago."

Bond, a former Georgia state legislator and now a talk show host in Washington, told about 500 people at Mississippi State University this week that the major task of the civil rights

movement is in the area of economic justice, an area he said was "still unaddressed and unfulfilled."

People in this country are "largely indifferent to the poverty around them," Bond said, adding that the situation was a "reflection of our failure to keep the movement going."

Bond's address was part of the university's annual celebration of Black Awareness Month. Bond said the civil rights movement in the South during the 1950s and 1960s "was our democracy's finest hour." He said the movement "benefited more

than blacks ... by showing the methods of social protest."

It also succeeded "beyond our

negative portrayals

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"Back then, blacks were shown as docile and contented, simple people who weren't really up to the demands of the white world," Turner says. "They were seen as people who danced and sang all night, and then were too tired to get up for work the next morning."

This "dancing dorkie" image alternated with the Uncle Tom, the beaverfoot, kindly old black man, Turner said. But the fear associated with Willie Horton is rooted in an image that gained currency after the Civil War.

This was the "buck," an aggressive, hostile young black man seen as wanting to molest white women. "Often, the buck was dressed in black, and carried some sort of razor or knife, and was set in juxtaposition to a white woman," Turner said.

Charles Stuart said his assailant was a black man in a black jogging suit, noted Turner, who helped research "Ethnic Notions," a public television documentary on the distorted image of blacks in American popular culture.

The film shows a scene from D.W. Griffith's 1915 silent movie, "Birth of a Nation," in which a white actor in blackface menaces a young white woman. Instead of

wildest dreams," he said, making every group of people a protected class.

Although "we have seen the

letting herself be raped, she jumps from a cliff to her death.

The buck image resurfaced whenever whites felt threatened by blacks; after the abolition of slavery, after World War I when returning black soldiers had heightened expectations of their place in American society, and during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The images, though unreal, had very real consequences. "One of the main reasons black men were lynched was that white men thought they wanted to rape white women," said Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a Harvard Medical School psychiatrist. "That's been a white American preoccupation."

In the 1983 presidential battle between George Bush and Gov. Michael Dukakis, a Bush TV commercial showed a mugshot of a glowing Horton and implied Dukakis supported fleeing convicted murderers for weekend furloughs.

Critics said the commercials incited racial fears among whites and played on racist attitudes and biases.

Last year, Stuart's account of being attacked by a black man used invoked the same negative racial

fabric of legal segregation come undone," Bond said, "the focus of the movement must move to the political and economic arenas."

"In a very real way, in 1990, we find our condition unchanged," he said.

calculated manner, it's not a matter of someone saying 'oops'."

"The president rode Willie Horton into the White House. It wasn't relevant to his ability to lead," said Louis Eliza, president of the Boston chapter of the NAACP. "Race has become the easiest way to pass on fear."

affordable homes

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two and three bedroom condominiums at the Hampton Club have already been taken.

"It hardly makes sense to throw away several hundred dollars a month in rent, when you can own a beautiful, new home for only \$1,000 down," said Lynch.

New Brunswick's Renaissance Station has received praise from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp as well as housing advocates throughout the country. Participants in the program lease their homes for a period of 18 months and a portion of their monthly rent goes toward the purchase price of their new home.

The two and three bedroom homes at the Hampton Club, a 650 residence condominium

community, feature a spacious, exciting design with luxury appointments which include wood-burning fireplaces, washers, dryers, balconies, central air-conditioning and heat, wall-to-wall carpeting and Euro-style kitchen and bathroom cabinets in addition, each kitchen comes complete with a Kenmore range, range hood and oven, dishwasher and refrigerator.

Renaissance Station is a two-story townhouse development of two and three-bedroom units with modern kitchen and bath, carpeting, air conditioning, garages and parking.

For additional information on the Hampton Club or Renaissance Station or to find out more about the New Brunswick Lease/Purchase plan, call 937-9800.

Jackson meets Mandela, says sanctions must remain

SOWETO, South Africa (AP)—Nelson Mandela said today that his guerrilla movement considers government installations to be legitimate targets for attack and that civilians inevitably will be caught in the cross fire.

Mandela, released Feb. 11 after 27 years in prison, said there has been no decision to suspend the armed struggle, which has been largely dormant in recent months.

"Our objective is that the targets are government installations," Mandela said in an interview from his home in Soweto, the township outside Johannesburg. "In a conflict civilians must be caught up in cross fire."

Mandela helped launch the African National Congress' guerrilla campaign in 1961, a year after the organization was outlawed. The official policy always has been to limit attacks to government facilities and personnel, although some ANC leaders have expressed a desire to hit civilian targets.

There have been numerous attacks on civilians in recent years, but the ANC has said those were the results of guerrillas who had not undergone proper training.

President F.W. de Klerk legalized the ANC on Feb. 2, but the group says its armed struggle remains one of its strategies to put pressure on the government.

Asked if the country's 5 million whites would have to change their lifestyles under an ANC government, Mandela said:

"They are already adjusting themselves to change."

He cited integrated segregated beaches, the fact that a few select neighborhoods have been opened to all races and that some private schools are integrated, although public schools remain segregated.

"Whites in this country are a very important section of the community and without them, without their cooperation, we will have immense problems," Mandela said. "That is why we are so keen to ensure ... that the changes we are demanding are not going to mean domination of whites or blacks."

De Klerk wants to negotiate a new constitution that will include the 28 million black majority in the national government. But he opposes a one-man, one-vote system and outright black majority rule. He envisions some mechanism that will give whites power on major policy decisions.

Earlier today, Mandela met Jesse Jackson on his final day of an eight-day visit to South Africa. The former Democratic presidential candidate said South African blacks still were not free and the United States' Western Europe must put pressure, including economic sanctions, on the government to end apartheid.

"We must not lower the standards of democracy or expectations for democracy in South Africa," Jackson said.

On the Money

Johnson Acquires M&M Products Company: Eric Johnson, the 38-year old president/CEO of Johnson Products recently announced that his company has acquired M&M Products, the maker of Say Soft Pro and Soft & Free. Johnson has had his eye on M&M for four years and considers the deal to be a feather in his cap. "It took me seven months to negotiate the sale of M&M Products," said Johnson "and we won in a situation where three straight deals had fallen through." One of those deals was the well-publicized proposed sale of M&M to Bertram Lee, who along with a partner, later became instrumental in the acquisition of the Denver Nuggets. M&M Products, which posted \$20 million in 1989 sales and was ranked 36th among losing money. The acquisition cost Johnson Products Company approximately \$5 million in cash and notes. "Consolidation will really make a difference," says Johnson, who also stated that "the M&M Company has done a tremendous job in maintaining customer loyalty, so when you look at their sales over that past couple of years, they've been fairly flat. What that says is that without doing a lot of advertising, they've been able to maintain a significant segment of the marketplace. The other aspect of that is that it's part of the consolidation and the amount of shelf space that they have still remaining in the field, makes it a very attractive acquisition for Johnson Products Company. The economies of combining these two companies make a lot of sense and even though the volumes have gone down, they're still substantial enough that we feel will make a solid contribution to the bottom line of Johnson products." In fact, Johnson feels his biggest accomplishment to date is negotiating the sale of M&M products. However, stock holders might disagree, pointing to the fact that since he's taken over day-to-day control of Johnson Products, shares are up 140%. Johnson Products, a public corporation, entered the American Stock Exchange in 1971. Before he took over, the company which is ranked the nation's number #2 black hair care manufacturer, had lost money eight out of the last ten years. Said Johnson, "today, we're able to plan our growth and meet objectives. We've not lost money now for four straight quarters." According to Johnson, the key factor in the turnaround was "the real emphasis that we've placing on the financial performance of the company—looking at costs, evaluating all of the profitability of the company, and profitability starts with every action."

Reparation For Blacks: Last year, we filed you of a groundswell movement on the behalf of reparations to the black descendants of slaves. Last November, Rep. John Conyers introduced a bill into the U.S. legislature. However, little has transpired since. Legislative aide, Janice Hazel, says "the bill is now waiting for a committee assignment. A commission to study the institution of slavery will be appointed, then the hearings will begin. From that commission, recommendations will be made on any recompense that might be warranted—and what form of reparation, whether it's monetary, apology to those descendants, etc." The bill is modeled after the Asian-American Redress Bill, which after eight years of legislative red ink awarded \$20,000 per interned Japanese American. (Still, no money has been paid.) —A Short: Olympic champion Florence Griffith Joyner has sprouted into fashion design with her first big client being the Indiana Pacers. Pacer executives are said to be very pleased with their new uniforms, designed by Joyner, and slated to debut next season. —Next week: Herman Valentine, founder of the nation's eighth-largest black-owned firm, which was nearly destroyed during a federal probe sparked in part by racism, says business is once again thriving.

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COMMENTARY

Editorial

Newark needs jobs

Driving around Newark, the many changes that are taking place are evident. Throughout the city, there is development. During the drive, I couldn't help but wonder at how active Newark's neighborhoods once were.

There are many abandoned buildings ready to be destroyed and empty fenced lots waiting for new construction. All of these are evidence of progress and signs of change. Shopping centers are being erected and new office buildings seem to be everywhere.

Driving through the neighborhoods, I saw cleared land, new housing and sites for future housing. I began to realize what was missing.

Work sites!

There are few places for our men and women to work. The lack of employment is one of the most devastating realities that faces the urban community today. While aids, drugs, and crime get the headlines, the root problem is the lack of employment and economic viability in the neighborhood.

City fathers are working tirelessly to create affordable housing and bring new development to the city. The picture looks brighter than it has looked for along time. But there is still a need to create jobs, in order to give people hope that they too will be a part of the new Newark.

The federal government must be a partner. If billions can be sent to Panama, Eastern Europe, and other countries to fuel the flames of hope, then surely we can develop more creative ways to sustain the hope of African Americans and others who are willing to live in the cities. While there are no easy solutions to this problem we call on city leaders in the public and private sectors to outline a strategy for creating jobs over the next ten years giving all Newark's residents hope in their hometown.

As I see it...

Commentary by Connie Woolfuff

Black women are entering the political arena seriously. In 1989, there will be at least one black female candidate in every sizable municipality. The sad fact is that few of them will win because they will not have the necessary financial backing that separates the winners from the losers.

The same holds true for white women candidates and as soon as they venture into this branch of politics, Hispanic women will find themselves faced with the same difficulty.

There is no one answer to the question of why women find it so hard to get the cash they need to launch a professional campaign that will assure them of a victory. For some reason men don't dig down in their pockets to help a woman candidate and for now, at least, women get more pleasure out of supporting a man over another woman. The latter could be the case of some grapes of the dubious pleasure of being one of the crabs at the bottom of the barrel.

The escalating cost of running for political office from governor down to the municipal council is another discouraging phenomenon. The average person cannot afford, nor can they raise even a minimum of \$25,000 to run a winning campaign. Local

politicians shell out as much as \$5,000 and more to land a seat on the city councils of Newark, Trenton, Passaic, Paterson, Camden and Atlantic City. And sometimes more if they are seeking the office of mayor.

One has to wonder, why take this aggravation for an office as mundane as a city council seat. Well, there's no accounting for how much it takes to satisfy an ego or to be motivated by the illusion of power.

To many elected officials, the office is a job because the pay is decent and the benefits make it unnecessary to personally pay for health benefits (for self and family) expense accounts don't have to be reported (to IRS) bribes such as travel, meals, entertainment, etc. are all over the place and life can be considerably easier while the official reportedly "serves the public."

I guess life can be easier when one is able to be driven around by a chauffeur, have a battery of secretaries and public relations people on call and enjoy the admiration of the public at - taxpayers' expense.

This year a record crop of women will be seeking one of Newark's nine council seats. Probably only one out of a dozen will win; and that seat most likely will be in the at-large category, unless Mayor Blouin wins the West Ward election where she's challenging Senator-Councilman Ronald Rice, one of the most popular of the city fathers.

Money will definitely be the deciding factor and the men and

women hopefuls, as well as the incumbents, are off and running on a full schedule of fund-raising for the announced and yet-to-announce candidates.

Last week Vel DeLuca, an at-large candidate held his opening fundraiser and got a good response because his tickets were less than \$20, an affordable contribution.

Within the next two weeks Geraldine "Gigi" Foushee will announce her candidacy as a \$100 per head affair, followed within a few days by Mildred Crump at a \$40 per person reception. Both are expected to announce for at-large seats in the council race.

Three weeks ago Newark deputy mayor Luis Quintana told a crowd of more than 400 he will be in the council-at-large race and simultaneously received an endorsement from Mayor Statue James and pledge of support from the Mayor of Union City, one of the growing numbers of New Jersey cities with Hispanic mayors.

This week Barbara Marrow-Mooring proved there is life after a visible, high-powered job like New Jersey Lottery director, by announcing she has targeted Mayor of Trenton for her next place of employment.

Marrow-Mooring, a youthful 45 mother of three has held several lucrative and important positions since she switched political parties during the Kean administration.

Marrow-Mooring was a Democrat when she was a teacher at Trenton's Woodrow Wilson school and moved on to become an administrator at ETS in Princeton.

Shortly after switching to the Republican party she was appointed Clerk to the General Assembly and then in 1987 Governor Kean moved her up to lottery director where she became the most visible black woman in the state.

When Democratic governor Jim Florio took office in January, she resigned the position.

Marrow-Mooring is running for Mayor of Trenton, as a Republican. It is the first time in 30 years the election will be fought across party lines. She is opposing Mayor Carmen Armenti, a former mayor who was elected in a special city council election to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor Arthur Holland who died of cancer in November.

Holland, a Democrat, served as mayor for 26 years. Marrow-Mooring, if successful in May, will be Trenton's first woman and first black mayor.

Marrow-Mooring is really talking big bucks when she tackles a campaign for mayor. If anything, Republicans are less apt than Democrats to put campaign funds behind a woman candidate. Black people in general are not overly anxious to put their money on the political line and women are considerably more reluctant than men to make this necessary sacrifice.

One who was willing to let our money do the talking, women will be a long time emerging from the poor house (of political representation) to the White House, the Court House, the State House or the City Hall in numbers equal to the importance of their vote.

We must heed Mandela's call

by Sharon Khadijah Vicent

Proudly walking side by side and hand in hand with his beloved wife, Winnie Mandela, Nelson Mandela walked out of prison on Sunday, February 11. Holding his head high as he walked through the gates of Victor Prison, to the cries of "Viva Mandela," Nelson Mandela raised his hands in the black power salute a symbol of determination, pride and resistance which let the world know that this brave warrior was as committed now, as when he was first imprisoned on August 5, 1962.

For over 27 years, Mandela was imprisoned in South African jails, and during this long period of time he has become a living symbol of strength, hope and inspiration in the struggle against political oppression, racism and bigotry, which are the trademarks of the apartheid system. Sentenced to life imprisonment along with eight other of his fellow comrades of the African National Congress (ANC) for fighting against the racist white minority regime in South Africa, Nelson Mandela's status has grown with the years.

Since displaying Nelson Mandela's picture was illegal, no photographs over the 27 1/2 years was ever allowed to be released to the

world. So, as the world looked on, in that historic moment we all had an opportunity to see the 6 ft. 3 inches, 71 year old Mandela, who stood in stark contrast to the poster

images and pictures of the Mandela we all had viewed over these many years. Certainly, all those who profess to love freedom, hearts filled with joy and a sense of deep pride, because here was the man who was the embodiment of fortitude, integrity, strength and courage, which have inspired the masses of his people to continue to fight against the racist and fascist system of apartheid.

Sometimes, when people's expectations have been raised so high, and the individual is placed in the uncomfortable position of living up to what is often unreasonable expectations. Nelson Mandela's comments in his speech, along with his dignified presence, are absolutely no doubt in anyone's mind (not even his enemies) that this man was truly a living legend, who had been steely in struggle. His call for not only his brothers and sisters inside of South Africa, but all over the world, to intensify the struggle against apartheid, but also for the world community to

remember that there were still thousands of political prisoners who have to be freed from South African jails, is a vivid example of his total commitment to the overall cause which he had dedicated his life to.

Nelson Mandela said that "we must not allow fear to stand in our way." We must heed his call. Until equal political rights are granted to the oppressed African masses, and the racist system of apartheid is totally abolished and destroyed, the struggle must intensify and continue. Now, more than ever before, we must all continue to call for continued economic sanctions and increased pressure on the individual to stand against the racist white minority regime. The state of emergency, which has resulted in the past year alone of over 200 children being beaten and thousands more being brutalized and tortured by the South African police, has to end. Also, if the communications and news media can keep the stories on the front page, and lead features on the nightly news programs about the changes going on in East Europe, embedded in the minds and consciousness of the American

public, they can surely make sure that they get the story out about the struggle for democracy in South Africa. In line with this, if the ideas and principles of democracy based on "one man, one vote" are upheld and supported for the people of Eastern Europe, we must not allow this concept to be subverted when we advocate for this right to be given to the suffering masses inside of South Africa.

There is still a lot of work to do, but we are standing at a crucial time in history. The words that Nelson Mandela spoke at the rally in Capetown, should be branded on our hearts and minds:

"We have waited too long for our freedom. We are no longer wait. Now is the time to intensify the struggle on all fronts. To relax our efforts now would be a mistake which generations to come will not be able to forgive."

For this man, who showed the world what a true revolutionary is all about, can we really rejoice in his release if we do not heed his call? It is imperative that we reaffirm our commitment to helping to work toward the complete abolishment of apartheid and the ending of racism and intolerance everywhere. Amandla!

You still have time to run

With recent action to postpone the 1990 Annual School Election to April 24 comes good news for those who might have considered running but didn't get around to filing nominating petitions: You now have until Thursday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. to file your petitions with your local board of education secretary.

New Jersey voters will now go to the polls on April 24 to elect some 1,550 board members in approximately 550 of the state's 656 school districts.

If you've hesitated about running up to now, I urge you to consider these factors: the current national focus on the future of public education at all levels has created an atmosphere in which exciting changes are taking place;

at the grass roots level, school boards will make decisions that often will influence the future of America's schools. As a member of a local board of education, you will set the policies that guide the future of our young people and ultimately the nation by actively promoting better education.

Many people hesitate to run for school board because they misunderstand the campaign and requirements for membership. Legal qualifications are really quite minimal. The qualities that make for effective school board members, such as a sincere desire to improve education and a willingness to put aside personal interests for the good of the community's children, are far more important than political savvy.

Quote of the Week

Let a new earth rise. Let another world be born. Let a bloody peace be written in the sky. Let a second generation full of courage issue forth; let a people loving freedom come to growth.

Margaret Walker

by Sandra West

Back in the memory of my young Adult Chorus days, in the early '60s, two girls began pregnant during their unmarried teens. The various vocal and silent messages to our Sunday School teaching and other board serving parents ranged from "Stay away from her," to "Stay away from her." We were clearly discouraged from celebrating the dilemma of premature parenthood.

Thirty years later, the same Young Adult Choir boasts almost as many babies in arms as young adult gospel harmonies. Teen pregnancy has grown to epidemic proportions. Yet, it has not outdistanced another killer of young lives and parental dreams: drugs, alcohol, cocaine, heroin, crack, ice and the boys.

The war on drugs is more tenacious than World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam put together. Anti-drug warriors hail from government, the pulpit, and all in between. Nevertheless, we are losing the war on drugs. Victory is elusive.

And, perhaps, elusive because of our strategy: unless the church going parents of my teen experience, are we not sending mixed messages to our young about how we truly feel on the issue of illegal substances and drug offenders?

The mixed messages are, in part, rooted in hero worship. Don't we all find it relatively easy to step over an alcohol, drug infused delirium, crooked in the corner of a subway station, and to never give that delirium a thought longer than it takes to clear his aroma from our nose's memory bank? But when our heroes, and our children's heroes, actors, singers, star athletes, succumb to the scourge of drugs, it becomes a horse of another color, doesn't it? We begin to have problems.

African-Americans are church goers. We are heroes to our worshipers. With so few heroes allowed us, we "eat up our geniuses." They help us live, give us encouragement for a better life, help endure racism, and, sometimes, assist us in the raising of our families. We praise the

Cosbys for their philanthropy, and seek to emulate them. We praise Steve Wonder for keeping the faith in Dr. King's national birthday movement, and we, proudly, celebrate January 15th.

We celebrate and need our heroes more than any other race, it seems. So it is particularly devastating when we are crudely faced with actor Ben Vereen's drug confession. Politician Jefferson Blount's drug confession from grace. Comedian Richard Pryor's drug addiction. Singer Natalie Cole's drug rehab efforts. Crooner Smokey Robinson's addiction to rock cocaine cigarettes. Trumpeter Miles Davis' multiple drug leanings. And a slew of others.

How do we deal with it? The white media is quick. Before the confessions are emitted from the mouths of our heroes, or by our precious political, athletic, and entertainment geniuses ahead the plane from their fancy detox centers, TV cameras scour our neighborhoods, our schools, and our athletic fields asking what

this will do to the self-esteem of our youth. And, we stare back into the camera, lost. How do we deal with it? How do we cut into the rising tide of drug addiction? How do we keep our young from following in the footsteps of their drugged heroes? How do we deal with it?

In order to deter drug use among our young and other stargazers, should we not illuminate these "heroes" at the height of their addiction? What kind of message is it anyway? What does it do to the psyche to have them served up to us now saved, smiling, and prosperous in Ebony magazine layouts and dripping in sequins, singing, at posh clubs? Isn't the possibly well-intentioned message from our cleaned up heroes "I took it, licked it, so stay away from it," actually getting mixed in music? Isn't that message, more clearly, "I took it, licked it, and you can too."

It's a tough question. How do we now proceed? Hopefully, the answer is not far distant.

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RELIGION

College study : church helps African-American youth

A professor of psychology at William Paterson College in Wayne has released a study which suggests that inner-city African-American teenage boys who attend church regularly with their mothers are less likely to behave in a hostile and violent manner than their peers who do not participate in church services or do so only occasionally.

In his study, "Aggression in African-American Boys: A Discriminant Analysis," Dr. Sherie Boone, director of the Family Studies Institute at WPC, concludes that "moral nurturance," the mother's emotional attitude and disciplinary behavior toward her son, is also an important indicator of cooperative and nonaggressive behavior.

Boone says the main purpose of his study was to determine whether the same family variables would foster hostile aggressive behavior in European-American boys might trigger similar aggression in inner-city African-American boys.

Studies of European-American boys living with both parents in rural or suburban communities support the theory that violence-prone aggressive behavior is linked to parents' use of physical punishment, permissiveness for aggressive behavior, parental arguments, and lack of praise for cooperative behaviors," says Boone. However, he says, little attention has been paid to the causes of violence-prone

aggression in African-American boys, who often live in different social settings.

Boone says the results of his study suggests that the same family factors which promote aggression among European-American boys may also be important in the development of aggressive behavior patterns in African-American boys.

Boone examined parenting styles associated with aggressive and nonaggressive behavior in 83 African-American adolescent boys, ages 12 to 17, who live in a low-income section of Paterson, New Jersey's third-largest city. These boys had been classified as 1) institutionalized aggressive (incarcerated for assaultive behavior), 2) non-institutionalized aggressive or noninstitutionalized nonaggressive on the basis of their past behavior in school and other community settings.

Forty-three boys lived in two-guardian families, 40 in single-guardian families. Approximately 85 percent of the positions held by employed parents were unskilled. Most received some form of public assistance.

The boys were interviewed by two African-American college graduates. An adaptation of the Bussard Hostility Inventory and the Conflict Tactics Scales were used to measure aggression and conflict resolution toward family members and "people in general." A Family Life Experience Questionnaire prepared by

Boone was used to obtain information about family life and church attendance patterns.

Boone found that the best predictors of membership in the nonaggressive group, in order of importance, were regular church attendance by the boys, regular church attendance by their mothers, expressions of love toward sons in non-material ways, consistent use of physical punishment by mothers as well as verbal reprimands and loss of privileges for unacceptable behavior by sons.

"The church involvement on the part of the nonaggressive adolescents and their mothers may reflect shared belief systems that are characterized by self-respect and concern for others," says Boone. "Consequently, nonaggressive boys and their mothers may be predisposed to exercise more self-control and compassion than their aggressive counterparts."

The study indicated that while mothers of nonaggressive boys were likely to express their love through emotional and psychological support, boys in the aggressive groups tended to define their mothers' love in terms of clothes, money and other material goods received.

The father-son relationship was a less accurate predictor of



Dr. Sherie Boone

aggressive behavior than the mother-son relationship, says Boone. Father-absence in the family, he says, may not be an insurmountable obstacle. However, he cautions, "In light of the relatively small sample of fathers included in the analysis, conclusions concerning the role that they may play in the development of aggressive and nonaggressive behavior patterns among these boys are very tentative."

The study highlights the need to determine what constitutes sufficient love, attention and discipline from mothers to promote prosocial behaviors in their sons, he says. "It also seems reasonable to conclude," says Boone, "that the church may be useful in the

control and prevention of aggression, perhaps because it affirms the dignity and worth of the individual, serves to reinforce the family, provides a supportive community network and gives hope under undesirable circumstances."

Although Boone anticipated that economic-related factors would be related to aggression, "these factors did not seem to be important in the present study," he concludes.

Boone is the founder of WPC's Family Studies Institute, which encourages and supports research to identify the factors responsible for functional and successful families.

Women celebrate World Day of Prayer

The global event "World Day of Prayer" which is celebrated once a year, unites women of faith in 170 countries and regions of the world to share in a common worship experience and pray the same prayers for peace with justice for all people on this planet.

The 1990 service, written by Christian women of Czechoslovakia, brings Christ's message of equality as it was brought to that

country over a thousand years ago. The theme, "A Better Tomorrow: Justice for All," reflects the positive changes toward justice being felt in Czechoslovakia today.

Unified by a common faith in Christ, the women of Church Women United work for the elimination of poverty of women and children (through Assignment: Poverty of Women) and issues of justice and peace.

World Day of Prayer offerings

make possible, in part, the mission of Church Women United including the Intercontinental Grants for Mission program that funds national and international self-development and teaching projects for women as well as community services and disaster relief at home and abroad.

In Plainfield, the event will be held at Mount Zion AME Church, West Fourth Street, on March 2 at 1 p.m.

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state income returns.

There is no charge for this; it is provided by volunteers who have been trained by Internal Service instructors.

It will be made available at two locations in Plainfield through April 14.

These locations are: Plainfield Public Library located at Park Avenue and 8th Street. Call 757-1111 for information.

writing to read

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entry-level asset for the average of age, according to Campbell. The program has been studied by Educational Testing Service. It has been determined that kindergarten students using the program progressed faster than the national norm on standardized reading tests.

"If we are to meet the high tech demands that will be made of our future graduates, our students need intensive training in mathematics, science, communications and computer technology," said Campbell.

At Thirteenth Avenue School, Mrs. Jeffries' all-day kindergarten students were busily engaged in listening to words, writing, reading, tracing letters and using computers while they learned. The children's computer activities are assisted, monitored, and reinforced by Cassandra Richardson, a classroom aide.

Children work on computers one hour each day. They progress at their own rate and work side-by-side with their peers, on some portions of the program. "My students respond eagerly to the program and adapt quickly to the computer keyboard," said Mary Jane Peloso, first-grade teacher. "I know they are learning skills in reading, writing, listening, and communicating made possible by the IBM computer program."

The program uses an IBM personal computer with a digitized voice attachment, enabling the computer to "talk" to the user. This creates a computer-based instructional program, sequenced, multi-sensory, self-paced and interactive. Children using the program can build on their own vocabulary and are not restricted to reading and writing the simple words found in traditional primary books.

According to Dr. Martin, the developer of the program, phonemic spelling is accompanied by standard English spelling. After learning basic writing and reading skills with a consistent phonemic system, students better understand the peculiarities of standard spelling.

The classroom Writing to Read center includes five areas which are the computer station, a writing/typing station, the work journal station where children listen to a taped reinforcement lesson of the sounds they learned at the computer and work journals, a listening library station where children listen

to recordings of carefully chosen children's literature.

The computers give youngsters a faster, easier means of writing than hand lettering. They build speed in letter recognition and word formation through the use of the keyboard.

In conclusion, there is a make-work station where children discover they can combine letters to form new words. Here many children can progress quickly to story writing.

For further information concerning computers, contact 753-7112.

Rock Lyrics

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bolts and knives, things like that, that has evolved as sort of a genesis into these white supremacist affiliations," he said. "They seem to be putting graffiti on buildings now and attacking people solely on the basis of color."

But the New Jersey branch of the American Civil Liberties Union objects to the procedure.

"I think that it's unconstitutional because what someone reads or listens to is part of the private person," said ACLU legal director Deb Ellis. "It's not a crime to be part of an Aryan organization or read Aryan literature. What you're looking for is evidence of the actual illegal act."

But, said Rockoff, "There is no apology that this to be made by law enforcement officials for trying to uncover the motivation or commission for criminal acts."

"You want to know why he

picked on the particular icon. You look for evidence, whether it's rope or whatever. When you are in the inner sanctuary, you have a perfect right to try to learn what motivated that young person."

The prosecutor cited a case in which a group of young people were indicted for placing swastikas, anti-Semitic slurs and statements such as "6 Million More, Why Not?" on the walls of the B'nai B'rith Hill Foundation at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

"We have learned that some of the individuals involved had affiliations to a white, Aryan supremacy organization. From that literature we have gained a great deal of insight into skinhead culture."

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PT's Clubhouse

This meeting of PT's Clubhouse is now called to order. PT's Clubhouse welcomes the following new members:

Chalice Overy of Plainfield, Enver Hayward of East Orange, and Gamal Herod

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Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at the Ford's Theatre in Washington.
Abraham Lincoln was buried in Springfield, Illinois.
While Lincoln was President, the first federal paper money was issued.
While Lincoln was President, the U.S. had its first military draft.
While Lincoln was President, the Civil War took place.
Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha implements Project Lead
Rassoola needs a home

Members of Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. recently met with officials of the Newark Board of Education, local school teachers, parents, children, and other school officials to make plans to implement Project Lead: High Expectations in the Newark school system.

A joint project that has been spearheaded by Links, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. maintains its overall goal is to develop a

field-tested innovative, community-based educational outreach program to prevent alcohol and drug abuse, premature sexual activity, unintended births, and sexually transmitted diseases among Black youth.

Sorors Dr. Mabel B. Berry and Mooneyne Jackson, Esq. explained the need and importance of the project and encouraged all involved to support this worthwhile project. Both indicated that it is their aim to foster and reinforce a sense of self-esteem, hope, and a sense of "High Expectations" in the youth participants in the project.

During the 10 week workshop, approximately 500 students/parents will participate in this project. Activities will include video and panel presentations, group discussions, field trips, social events, and many more.

Dr. Jean Adilifu, Assistant Executive Superintendent, Maxwell Business Operations, and other Newark school officials were on hand to encourage parental and community support for this project. Other representatives present were elated with the project and echoed their support for the project.

Through this project, the sorority hopes to serve the children of Newark and make a difference in

their lives. The sorority aims to serves as role models for your youth and set positive examples for them.

A letter of congratulations was received from Mayor Sharpe James praising the sorority for implementing this project. The workshops will be held on several Saturdays at the 18th Avenue School, Newark from 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.



Rassoola is a handsome boy who was born on October 21, 1986. Due to the biological mothers history of drug and alcohol use, he is slightly delayed developmentally. He is in good physical health except he has asthma. He tested HIV negative. Despite his premature birth, his development has been fairly normal. He is enrolled in an early intervention program. He is a happy and extremely active child who is willing to be placed in a supportive and loving adoptive home.

Rafer Johnson and Hershey's National track and field youth program visit Newark

Rafer Johnson, Olympic Gold Medalist and spokesperson for Hershey's National Track & Field Youth Program, met today with city officials to discuss plans for a district track meet in the City of Newark.

Mayor Sharpe James said, Johnson and representatives from his track and field program are working with officials from the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) to organize a track and field competition to be held in early May.

Commenting on the national program, Johnson has said, "I am proud to be associated with the Hershey project. It encourages participation and fun and gives the kids the opportunity to travel and make new friends. All participants will have something worthwhile to remember for the rest of their lives."

"Newark youngsters who participate in the (United States) Youth Games are developing into top-notch athletes at the high school and collegiate level because of their early experience at the Youth Games competition. I believe the Hershey's National Track



Beta Alpha Omega members, representatives of the Newark Board of Education, parents, and children who will be participating in Project Lead

Photo by Ray Moss

Local vocational programs to celebrate national week

Students and faculty in more than 11 vocational programs at Plainfield High School observed National Vocational Education Week from February 11-17. The theme, "Vocational Education: It Works," provided a focus for the celebration.

Theodore Brown, Principal of the school, said that the week "gave students a chance to hear professionals in fields ranging from mechanical engineering to construction management account for their career success." He continued, "Also, we want to educate the community about the level of skills our students gain here at Plainfield High School and encourage them to find out how vocational education teaches young people the skills they'll need to be productive workers--and to be community leaders." Brown explained that participation in vocational student organizations and special programs like this one supplements the practical, technical training students receive in school by giving them practice

at decision making, organizing, and cooperating to meet a goal.

Jefferson School Pta presents "The Wiz"

In observance of Black History Month, the Jefferson School PTA will present "Miss Ethel" and her children from her "Performing Arts After School Studio" in their version of "THE WIZ" on Tuesday, February 27, 1990, 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson School. The admission fees are: \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

"Miss Ethel" is Ethel Beatty Barnes, a performing artist who has been featured in the original Broadway productions of "BUBBLIN' BROWN SUGAR" and "EUBIE!" and Off Broadway in "THE PRODIGAL SISTER" and "BLUES IN THE NIGHT". She joined the Broadway company of Dreamgirls and headlined in Las Vegas in the musical version "THE COTTON CLUB ON PARADE". Ethel has also appeared in the movie "COTTON CLUB" and "GARBO TALKS".

Professor Prickett spoke about his in-interests and concerns for a successful generation in the future. He referred to us (the youth) as the "cream of the dream".

Prickett basically discussed drugs and teenage pregnancy. I was really impress by the strong opinions of the youth during the discussion.

Nelson requested that the group keep in contact with each other as a family. Our goal in the youth council is to increase the membership by 20%. The Plainfield Youth Council would like to reach that goal. Becoming a member of the NAACP should be an unforgettable experience.

- Boys 9-10
1. 50 Meter Dash (54 yds., 24.5 inches)
2. 100 Meter Dash (109 yds., 13 inches)
3. 200 Meter Dash (218 yds., 26 inches)
4. 400 Meter Dash (437 yds., 16 inches)
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay (437 yds., 16 inches x 4)
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw

Boys 11-12
1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 400 Meter Dash
4. 800 Meter Run (874 yds., 32 inches)
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw

Boys 13-14
1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 800 Meter Run
4. 1600 Meter Run
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw

Girls 9-10
1. 50 Meter Dash
2. 100 Meter Dash
3. 200 Meter Dash
4. 800 Meter Dash
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw

Girls 11-12
1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 400 Meter Dash
4. 800 Meter Run
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw

Girls 13-14
1. 100 Meter Dash
2. 200 Meter Dash
3. 800 Meter Run
4. 1600 Meter Run
5. 4 x 100 Meter Relay
6. Standing Long Jump
7. Softball Throw



Greeks assembled at Plainfield High School for School sponsored "Step Show." The main message from Principal Ted Brown and fellow Greeks was good grades and pledging go hand and hand.

For more information on the upcoming track meet, please call the DORCA office at (201) 733-6454.

CITY LIFE

Chuchkii Booker named musical director for Janet Jackson world tour



Los Angeles—Multi-talented recording artist/producer/songwriter and musician Chuchkii Booker has been named as musical director for Janet Jackson's upcoming premiere world tour which kicks off in March of this year.

Chuchkii, who hit the top of the black music charts in 1989 with "Turned Away" (a Top 40 single) and scored strongly with a second single, "(Don't U Know) I Love U" (both tracks from his debut self-titled Atlantic LP) will also be opening the show with his own 20 minute set.

The tour—tagged "RHYTHM NATION WORLD TOUR 1990"—is scheduled to span between three and four months and will include almost forty domestic dates. European and Japanese dates are also being set and total audience estimated for the tour is in excess of one million people.

Explaining his good fortune as a relatively new recording artist being selected for such a unique and exciting opportunity, Chuchkii says that he met Janet at a special party held in her honor in September of last year.

The star-studded event celebrated the release of "Rhythm Nation 1814", Jackson's latest multi-platinum A&M LP. "I went over to talk to her," he recalls, "and she just came right out and said she wanted me to be the musical director for her first tour. My initial thought was 'right - she's kidding!' but she was really serious about it."

Chuchkii, who will be working on his second Atlantic album in between concert dates with Jackson, adds that Jimmy Iovine & Terry Lewis (producers of Janet's current LP and its successful predecessor, "Control") recom-

mended him to Jackson. "Considering that they really don't know me, I thought it was real nice that they would recommend me," says the L.A.-based recording artist.

With Janet, Chuchkii hand-picked the line-up of musicians who will back both the headliner and Chuchkii on his opening set.

"I'll be onstage with the musicians for about two hours in all, playing synthesizer and keyboards, doing some choreography and directing the band during Janet's portion of the show. In preparation for all the energy and stamina that I'll need, I've begun running every morning," he says, adding that his own set will feature his hit singles and other cuts from his Atlantic LP.

Although he's performed onstage with acts with acts like Barry White and Ray Parker Jr., the Janet Jackson tour represents Chuchkii Booker's first major road stint as a performer. "More than anything else, what I want to get out of touring with Janet is the experience of playing before so many people," Chuchkii says, noting that he and Janet begin rehearsals mid-January.

'Cosby Show' actress national merit scholarship finalist

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Tempestt Bledsoe, the 16-year-old actress who plays the part of Vanessa Huxtable on "The Cosby Show," has become a finalist for a National Merit Scholarship, according to her publicist.

The nationwide academic scholarship is awarded on the basis of students' academic record and scores on the PSAT, a scholastic aptitude examination, according to a statement issued Thursday by publicist David Brokaw.

Miss Bledsoe has studied at the Professional Children's School in New York City, and is an avid reader and writer.

She is graduating from high school with a straight "A" grade average, Brokaw said.

The Cosby Show concerns the domestic adventures of Cliff and Clair Huxtable, who live in a New York City brownstone, and have five children. Bill Cosby plays Dr. Cliff Huxtable, an obstetrician, who also maintains an office in the building.

Jekyll and Hyde at George Street

George Street Playhouse presents the world premiere "Jekyll and Hyde," on Friday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, "Jekyll and Hyde" is by Leonora Thuna (book), Norman Sachs (music) and Mel Madel (lyrics). Set in Victorian London, 1891, "Jekyll and Hyde" tells the tale of the classic struggle between good and evil. GSP's Producing Artistic Director, Gregory S. Hurst directs.

Starting in "Jekyll and Hyde" is Broadway veteran John Culm. Culm, who won the Tony Award for his performance in "Shenandoah," has also appeared in such noted Broadway productions as "Camelot," "Deathtrap," and "On the Twentieth Century," the latter earning Culm his second Tony Award.

Running through April 8th, performance times are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m., Sunday twilight at 3:00 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Thursday matinees at 12 noon. Tickets range from \$16 to \$25.

The George Street Playhouse, a resident company of the New Brunswick Cultural Center, is located at 9 Livingston Avenue in downtown New Brunswick. Parking is available for \$1.00 behind DKM Properties at 303 George Street, just across from the Livingston Avenue/George Street intersection (entrance on New Street).

For further information or ticket reservations for "Jekyll and Hyde," please call Ticket Central at (201) 246-7469.

Black Eagles soar again at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—A pivotal chapter in African American history, as well as the history of the American military, will be re-opened with the world premiere of Leslie Lee's play, "Black Eagles," at Crossroads Theatre Company next month.

The play, which is Crossroads' 1990 Black History Month production, will be in previews Feb. 15-23. Opening night is Saturday, Feb. 24. It closes March 25.

Directed by Crossroads' Producing Artistic Director Rick Kuhn, "Black Eagles" dramatizes the experiences of America's first black fighter pilots, known in history books as the Tuskegee Army. Their name was taken from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where the first black pilots admitted to the Air Force were trained during World War II.

While several documentaries and books have been filmed and written about the Tuskegee Army, Lee's play is the first to dramatize their struggles and achievements against the historic backdrop.

The play focuses on the recollections of three fictionalized airmen, who meet in the present

at a reception honoring the real-life Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Powell is the first African American to hold the nation's highest military position.

The aging airmen's reminiscences form the foundation of a flashback to Italy in 1944, when they were young and eager to prove themselves to a skeptical military establishment. Hindered by both subtle and overt racism despite their reputation as fine flyers, they were forced to take a backseat in most air battles, serving as escorts, rather than fighters.

Historically, the Tuskegee Army were trained as part of a military "experiment" that sought to determine whether African Americans could learn to fly. Military documents from that era show that the country's highest military officers were doubtful. Nonetheless, with the eager support of Eleanor Roosevelt and under threat of an NAACP lawsuit, Tuskegee Institute was named as the site of the pilot training program in January 1941.

Though commissioned as military flyers, the Tuskegee Army were permitted to serve only as escorts for bombers flown by white pilots. It wasn't until the end of the war that they were able to prove their skills in combat during an air battle over Berlin.

In dramatizing their experiences, "Black Eagles" reads between the lines of history, providing insight into the airmen's struggle for acceptance in and out of the cockpit. As he has done in previous plays, Lee again explores the absence of racial barriers encountered by African Americans outside the U.S. "Black Eagles" was specially commissioned by Crossroads two years ago. Lee and Kuhn conducted a depth historic research during the project, attending an airmen's reunion in Kansas City and interviewing many former airmen about their experiences.

Dr. Roscoe Brown, president of Bronx Community College and a former Tuskegee Airman, is the project's technical consultant.

The Newark Public Library as Printer

An exhibit of fine printing is being presented in the Art & Music Division of The Newark Public Library through the end of March 1990. The exhibit provides an historic review of hand press printing, including classic founts, sophisticated ornaments, seasoned cuts, and tools of the trade.

Featured in the exhibit are photographs and materials for the Washington hand press manufactured by the Alva B. Taylor Company and purchased, second-hand, in 1908 for \$63.00. The press, dating from the mid-nineteenth century, was used for small printing jobs. Although the types used by the press varied over the decades, in the early years the principal font used was designed by the noted American architect, Betram Goodhue, and cases of this type, plus some of the old printing tools are on display.

The products of the Library's printing shop: posters, broadsides, announcements, brochures, and pamphlets are also on display. These include posters from early Library exhibits and one honoring the 1953 Chicago Century of Progress Exposition. Others illustrate inventive designs favored by Library printers. A number of bookplates are included. Several

of the broadsides in the exhibit bear quotes from Shakespeare, A.A. Milne, and Coleridge.

Books printed by the Carteret Book Club of Newark, organized to produce finely printed books, are shown. This historic club published twenty-three titles before it dissolved in 1955.

Printing was an important industry in Newark in the early part of the twentieth century and John Cotton Dana, the Librarian at the time, was enthusiastic about the printer's craft. "In Newark, we love the smell of printer's ink," he remarked. One unique broadside was hand set and printed by Dana.

The Library has a distinguished printing collection including the Jenkins Collection for the history of fine printing which numbers over 3,500 titles. It was begun with a contribution by Richard C. The Library is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-5; Tuesday and Friday from 9-5:30; Saturday, 9-5; and Sunday 1-5. For further information call 734-7840.

The Screening Room By Dean Sluyter

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'ROGER & ME'

The Grapes of Lake Wobegone

I suppose "Roger & Me" must be called a documentary, but that label is misleading. It's really a filmed personal essay that uses documentary footage along with clips from old TV shows, unintentionally hilarious industrial films, and other sources, all held together by the dull narration of a writer-producer-director-Michael Moore. It's intensely funny, grim, infuriating, and entertaining, all at the same time.

Moore is a commerce journalist from Flint, Michigan, the birthplace of General Motors. For three generations his family, like most people in Flint, were auto workers. Then GM decided to increase its profit margins by closing its Flint plants and opening new ones in Mexico, where it could pay workers 70 cents an hour. No problem, if you don't mind throwing several thousand people out of work and turning a thriving city into a ghost town. Apparently Roger Smith, chairman of GM, didn't mind.

Moore assembled a small film crew and began to document what was happening in Flint: desperation, rising crime, evictions, and scores of businesses closing their doors (with the notable exception of the local L&L Haul outfit, which was flourishing by renting trucks one way—out of town). At the same time he started pursuing Roger Smith, trying to get a chance to talk to him on camera and invite him to Flint to view first-hand the bitter fruits of his actions. He tracked Smith for three years, and we see the results: Moore being thrown out of Smith's yacht, Moore being thrown out of the GM building, Moore being thrown out of a shareholders' meeting, etc.

We also see the city fathers' (and mothers') ill-starred, sometimes painfully pathetic attempts to save the dying town: by bankrolling an oversized Hyatt Regency hotel (which soon stands empty and bankrupt), by working a theme park (ditto), and by bringing in professional cheerleaders of various stripes to back up people's attitudes. These include Miss America, Ronald Reagan, Pat Boone, Anita Bryant, the uncouth televangelist Robert Schuller (who accepts a hefty fee to come tell the folks their problem isn't money), and "The Newjwiled Game" host Bob Eubanks. Flint's most famous former resident.

Through his fumbling, amateur approach (he had never made a film before), Moore managed to disarm his victims and coax them into sometimes startling self-revelation. Eubanks, for example, turns out to be a thoroughly loathsome slug of a man who tells (on camera!) an anti-Semitic AIDS joke. And he's not the only one who manages to hang himself. Moore takes us more than once to the local golf course, where we see the lives of the coupon-clipping rich, proclaiming smugly that the laid-off workers are simply lazy.

Moore has a fine eye for the bizarre. He introduces us to a woman who scrapes along by raising and selling bunnies ("for pets or meat" proclaims her lar-tered sign), and he brings us to the gala opening night of the town's new state-of-the-art, five-story prison, where laborerly costume couples pay \$100 to spend the evening locked up. The prison, necessitated by mushrooming crime, became one of Flint's few sources of new jobs: former auto workers went to work as guards over their former assembly-line co-workers.

Moore has been compared to Will Rogers and Mark Twain, but his bemused sense of the picturesque/grotesque, his dry wit, and his flat Midwestern tones suggest Garrison Keillor most of all. Moore's Flint is a kind of Lake Wobegone, whose characters react wistfully for the stars while ankle-deep in muck, often lost but always warmed by the glow of the writer-observer's intense affection for them. Moore is clearly fond, for example, of Deputy Fred, whose unhappy job is to enforce evictions (One family is thrown out of their home on Christmas Eve for being \$150 in arrears.) Fred knows he's doing a dirty job and tries his hopeless best to do it gently and humanely. We see a good man compelled by a bad system to do bad things, and we are filled with sympathy and anger.

This combination of Lake Wobegone humanity and "Grapes of Wrath" social indictment are what make "Roger & Me" unique. Moore maintains a consistency of tone and a delicate balance of elements—documentary and entertainment, humor and bleakness, journalistic objectivity and personal rage. His offhand manner makes it look easy. It isn't. Wouldn't it be great if this film essay turned out to be the beginning of a new genre, really more entertaining than another tried thriller yet capable of provoking social change. There's certainly plenty of material out there.

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CITY FIT

Cigarette maker confirms effort to market Dakotas

WASHINGTON (AP)—R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. confirmed Saturday it plans to test market a new cigarette named Dakota but said the campaign would be aimed at adults who are currently smokers of Marlboros.

"It is intended to appeal to that large group of adults, both male and female, who are currently

smoking Marlboro, the largest selling brand," said James W. Johnston, chairman and chief executive officer.

The Washington Post reported in Saturday editions that a proposed marketing plan prepared for Reynolds by Promotional Marketing Inc. suggests Dakota be

positioned to replace Marlboro as the brand of choice among female smokers with limited educations and between the ages of 18 and 24.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis W. Sullivan, reacting to the report, said in a statement:

"Smoking is increasingly be-

coming concentrated among Americans with lower incomes and less education and this is simply wrong.

"It is especially reprehensible to lure young people into smoking and potential lifelong nicotine addiction. And the risk that

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On being City Fit

Recently, at the Frontiers Club Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, a group of us were bemoaning the fact that we had allowed our demanding schedules to limit, if not totally destroy, our well intended exercise regimen. Our testimony to the lack of exercise included: having less than 5 miles on an Exercycle (owned several years), using a Jack LaLanne "Gold" membership once

in three years, and considering walking briskly down a long hallway to the bathroom a workout. Mind you, this conversation took place after we had thoroughly enjoyed our grins and biscuits.

Being a health care provider, I am more ashamed of my lack of a fitness program because in my profession, I am faced to face with the detrimental results of not integrating "fitness" into one's lifestyle. My health care is provided to people from birth to geriatric. A typical patient could be a 40-year-old individual who weighs 350 lbs, and therefore needs assistance even getting in and out of bed. If this person at age 25 had started a simple routine of walking as little as twice a week around the block, gradually increasing the distance and frequency, her health care needs at this stage might not be as severe or expensive.

Another patient in his thirties had AIDS but previously had maintained a regular fitness program. This patient was able to fight the devastating effects of the disease longer and enjoyed a better quality of life because his body as well as his mind were in better shape. The AIDS patient costs were less because he was able to function alone for a longer period of time because he was in

better shape from the onset of the disease.

Not to oversimplify serious medical problems because there were many other factors affecting both of these patients. It is clear that at the onset of illness, your state of fitness is a major contributing factor to your rate and cost of recovery.

The cities of Plainfield and Newark are excellent places to become "city fit." As a single, professional woman with a demanding schedule, living in Plainfield, I have been enjoying many facilities and activities specifically designed to promote, maintain and enhance the physical and mental well being of its residents. For example, the city of Plainfield has several tennis courts open during the day and evening swimming and track at the various community centers and at the High School in addition to the many activities offered by the "Y." My favorite are the beautiful parks scattered throughout Plainfield which allow me to take my regular walk alone or share time with my friends doing things we all enjoy so much like cycling, fishing, basketball, baseball and tennis. Many of the activities we enjoy in Plainfield are also available in Newark. The way to find out what Newark has to offer is to contact the recreation department for the city of Newark.

If we devote just a small portion of our time to preventative care such healthy eating habits and exercise, we can definitely have a positive impact on our health in later years and our ability to fight debilitating diseases.

LET'S GET "CITY FIT" STARTING TODAY!

chic... Ultranique's Stevenson gives hair care advise

As part of City News' commitment to keep its public up-to-date on the latest in fashion, hair care, make-up and other necessities of city (or even suburban) living, City News visited Ultranique hair salon in Plainfield, New Jersey. There, co-owner William (Bill) Stevenson took us through a complete hair make over using one of City News's own staff members.

Salon artist, Bill Stevenson has been doing hair for 21 years of which the last seven years have been spent in his own shop with partner Carl Greene.



"Opening your own salon," said Stevenson, "is another phase. You feel like you have more control and can make more of your own decision." Bill works with his clients to help them make hair decisions to suit their facial structure, lifestyle and personality.

After assessing the hair type of our City News staffer, Lorraine, Bill decided that she needed a hair cut that would round out her elongated face, add body and movement to her thin naturally wavy hair and be simple and carefree to fit Lorraine's busy lifestyle.

Bill sketched out his vision for Lorraine's hair, as a reversed graduation (a bob upside down), we sat back and let the transformation begin.

We spoke with Bill as he worked to learn valuable hair care information for City Chick readers. First, he wanted to clarify the definition of "hair cut or hair shaping."

"A hair cut," he said, "is something that is done on someone who has never had a cut before or who is getting a completely new style. Creation occurs when a client gets a 'hair cut.' A trim is a re-definition of an existing hair shape. A cut or a trim are the only two options—there is no such thing as 'cutting a little off as many people request.'"

Bill emphasized that "everything we do to our hair is damaging, from chemical relaxing to simple combing." He said the best treatment to maintain healthy hair is to develop a good regimen of home maintenance and salon visits. "Salon visits," said Bill, "are a must because salons have a wide range of products to address different needs that most people



do not have available at home because they buy one shampoo and one conditioner and that's it. Hair has different needs at different times; and I can feel my client's hair and determine if it needs protein, more moisture or whatever. We also have hair testing machines to identify special problems although experienced hair professionals can spot problems through the feel of the hair."

Most of Ultranique's clientele are professional women although its staff is "up on" the latest hair fashions and techniques. Bill said he learned all the basics in 1200 hours of schooling, but keeps himself up to date with publications and seminars. He also said that contacts within the industry are important to give advice in certain product use and techniques. Bill himself is known for his expertise on chemical work and gives seminars for manufacturers in correct product use for hair professionals.

Ultraniques average client frequents the shop every two weeks. "What about college students and others who want to maintain healthy hair?" City Chick asked. Although Bill doesn't like to prescribe home treatments because he feels professional care is essential to a good regimen, he would suggest that "home hair" doesn't use quality instant products purchased from a professional beauty supply house. "Consumers often go wrong," he warns, "when they use retail products that are designed for ease and may not contain the highest quality ingredients nor have the reconstructive ability of professional, quality products." He adds, "African-American women must be careful of using products with additives like alcohol and wax, because hair that is already chemically treated is even more susceptible to breakage."

When internal hair damage occurs, the only repair available is to cut off the damaged hair. As Bill finished styling Lorraine's new cut he emphasized that women should be able to get a "close-to-salon-look" at home using the proper tools. He does not advocate that clients get styles that they have neither the time,

patience nor tools to maintain. Many of the fadish new styles look great, but he suggests that each person choose a style that fits not only individual facial structure, but also fits personality and lifestyle.

The best and most "chic"



hairstyles are those that fit the individual - like a mini dress or palazzo pants - not everyone can wear every style. Bill managed to create a simple, easy to wear style for Lorraine that suits her hair type, lifestyle and facial structure. The transformation is complete. Mission accomplished.

Touring Circuit holds auditions

PLAINFIELD—Grant Avenue Community Center announces open auditions for a sixteen voice choir to perform in the National Black Touring Circuit's production of the gospel musical *I Have A Dream* during the Kean-Brown Centre Stage 1990 Theatre Season in Plainfield.

The auditions will be held on Saturday, March 3, 1990 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the First Park Baptist Church, 315 West 7th Street, across the street from the Center on Central Avenue. Anyone age 16 or over who can sing is welcome to audition. The choir will be comprised of four sopranos, four altos, four tenors and four bass voices. The selection of singers will be made by the Musical Director for *I Have A Dream*, Los Coward. Coward will also train those selected during a series of six rehearsals prior to the performances.

Coward, a native of Newark, has played professionally for 21 years. He is presently Minister of Music with both the Bethlehem Community Church in East Orange and Smyrna Baptist Church in Newark.

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CITYSPORTS

Sportlight by R.L. Greene

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

by Fern Taylor
City News Writer



It's amazing to see how the high school teenagers from the inner city, many of whom are forced to hone their skills running the streets because of the lack of track facilities, continue to excel in track and field.

Take Monday's Meet of Champions in Princeton, for instance. Out of 18 championships, 4 girls went to kids from Newark and East Orange, while urban kids played in 14 of the 18 events.

Clifford Scott High School of East Orange brought home state championships in the 55-meter dash and the mile relay at Monday's Meet of Champions meet at Princeton University.

The girls mile relay team of Patricia Elliott, Melanie Cherrington, Lateefah Webb and Rosalee Walters held off the girls from Lakewood High, winning in 4:06.47. Enayat Oliver brought home the 55-meter dash title, barely edging Jeff Frederick of Franklin High, 6:54 to 6:56.

The Newark city schools left Princeton with three gold medals. Tiffany Weatherford of Newark Science and Ernesto Perez of Newark West-Side continued to shine, Weatherford winning the 55-meter dash (7:12) and placing third at 400 meters (57.72), while Perez blazed to a 1:54.4 record in the 800, breaking the record set by Plainfield's John Marshall in 1981.

Alisa Tucker of Science brought home the gold in the 55-meter hurdles (8:35). Marquel Thomas of Newark East-Side notched a silver in the 400 meter run (50.30) and West-Side and Weequahic finished 4th and fifth, respectively, in the girls mile relay.

Malcolm

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the communities," said El-Amin. His ideas included a more in-depth study of the Holy Quran (the bible), and worshipping together regardless of color."

"I think it is wonderful that we are worshipping together," said El-Amin. "God looks at us from our inside which has nothing to do with our physical appearance."

cigarettes

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smoking specifically poses for women adds yet another twofold dimension to any cigarette marketing effort which may be aimed at younger women."

He noted that lung cancer has overtaken breast cancer as the "number one cause of death among women" and said smoking poses special risks for pregnant women.

Women who are 18 to 20 years old represent the only group of Americans whose rate of smoking continues to increase.

The Post said the marketing plan proposed for Dakota, set for a test in Houston in April, targets women whose favorite pastimes include "cruising," "partying" and attending hot rod shows and tractor pulls with their boy friends.

It said documents it obtained showed the marketing plan is aimed at young white women with no education beyond high school who are described as "virtile females."

The proposed campaign, called "Project V.I.," for "very female," described the type of woman targeted as one who watches "Rosanne" and evening soap operas on television and who hopes to get married by her early 20s and spend her free time "with her boyfriend doing whatever he is

Ending apartheid can also free South African athletes

New York—The glare of publicity has been focused on South Africa recently with the release from jail of Nelson Mandela. That spotlight has shone so brightly on Mandela, however, that other developments in that country have been shoved into the shadows.

Just as the wave of democratization in Eastern Europe is causing the two Germanys to look at ways of fielding a combined Olympic team now that the Berlin Wall has crumbled, so has the prospect of the end of South Africa's racial segregation policies reflected on sports.

President F.W. de Klerk of South Africa, in a speech announcing the freeing of Mandela, also legalized the outlawed Black opposition groups. The sports world sat up and noticed.

"Now I can breathe again," said Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board. "Everybody has found new hope after this speech."

Most of South Africa's major sports have been partially or completely cut off from international competition for 10 or more years in protest against the country's policy of apartheid. Initially, the boycotts were imposed because of segregation on the playing fields of South Africa. But, supporters of the boycott have said full sporting contacts should resume only when apartheid was dismantled at all levels, not just in sports.

St. Anthony's, Shabazz will challenge Elizabeth in NJ hoop playoffs

New Jersey will feature its own version of the NCAA's "March Madness" as the NJSLA playoffs get under way next week. And teams from the Newark metro area will be right in the thick of the championship hunt.

You have your marquee players—Rhoderick Rhodes and Danny Hurley, (St. Anthony's Jersey City), Darryl Tutler (Newark-Shabazz), and Luther Wright (Elizabeth), just to name a few.

You also have outstanding teams from the urban scene. Newark and Paterson will have two schools making a lot of noise—Shabazz (22-2) and Newark Tech (21-1) in Newark and Paterson Eastside (19-4) and Paterson Kennedy (19-4) in Paterson. In addition, Hillside (21-1), Roselle (21-0) and Clifford Scott of East Orange (22-1) should perform well.

After all the battles have been waged, many expected two teams

Two years ago, Craven was the center of controversy in South Africa when he conferred with exiled African National Congress officials about ways of easing the sports boycott. Now he is calling for further negotiations with anti-apartheid militants.

"I feel we will never be allowed back into international rugby until apartheid is abolished totally," Craven said.

Even the International Olympic Committee is talking about the readmission of South Africa, although IOC officials quickly point out that just words are not enough.

"Those people who always fought against us, to keep us isolated, will now be able to join us in our struggle to get back into the international arena," de Klerk said in his speech. "We will have a tough task to change the attitudes of some people in the country, but it is not a problem we cannot overcome."

A leader of the pro-boycott campaign in London said de Klerk's speech was a step in the right direction, but did not mean a quick South African return to international competition.

"We want to see how the statements are translated into action," said Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee. "What we are interested in is the dismantling of apartheid."

Ramsamy, a former South African educator, is a consultant to

the IOC's anti-apartheid commission. He and a colleague recently met with South African Olympic leaders in Paris, one of the first formal contacts between the IOC and South African National Olympic Committee in 20 years.

"New doors will open for us," said Johan du Plessis, chairman of the South African National Olympic Committee. "A lot more people will listen to what we have to say now."

Despite the overtures, the readmission of South Africa in the world of sports is not a foregone conclusion or scheduled to happen overnight. At the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand, Nigerian officials attempted to have England expelled from the competition because of an unofficial English cricket team of South Africa. Zimbabwe also made a similar demand for action, but both African nations reconsidered their proposals before the Games were disrupted.

"I do not know of a single boycott that has not been effective, but the Africans are here because they feel that New Zealand has done quite a lot of activity on the anti-apartheid front," Ramsamy said.

If South Africa is really ready to allow all of its people to enjoy freedom, we must be willing to forget the past injustices, just as we have been willing to extend a hand to the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe.

street en route to a 64-50 win.

The Minutemen did it with big time defense. Hurley (15.0 ppg) who could never get off, harried into several early turnovers by Elizabeth's suffocating 1-2-2 press. Rhodes (15.0ppg) hit a couple of three's, but for the most part he couldn't find his rhythm either.

Since Elizabeth defeated the Friars that night, Bob Hurley's young squad hasn't lost, moving to a solid 21-3 and peaking just in time for the playoffs.

If they were to meet again in the Tournament of Champions final, things will be different, says coach Hurley.

"It (Elizabeth) was a good experience," he said. The next time, it will be different. It won't be in front of 5,000 of their screaming fans, it will be on a neutral court.

"I think we're a very dangerous team right now," he added. "I wouldn't want to play us."

that the state has the fifth-lowest smoking rate in the nation at 21.1 percent of the adult population, according to the federal Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

"That means that 80 percent of South Dakotans are non-smokers and we're pretty proud of that," Wiebers said.

Reacting to the reported marketing plan for Dakota, she said: "It's very upsetting that a tobacco company would think today's women are that naive. How dumb do they think we are?"

Simms wins meet of champions

She continues to blow out shot put record

At the tender age of 14, it looks as if Plainfield shot putter Nicole Simms could be well on her way to becoming a world-class athlete in track and field.

There's no other way to describe this teen-age prodigy when seeing what she has done this winter. A couple of weeks ago, Simms heaved the shot 44-feet, three and one-half inches, breaking her previous record of 44-3 in setting a new state record at the NJSLA All Groups championships in Princeton.

This past Monday night, against the best of the best at the Meet of Champions, she added a toss of 44-9 in continuing her winter-long dominance of the event.

The Lady Cardinals finished 4th overall in Group IV with 11 points. Toms River East won the Group IV title with 26 points.

Simms led the shot put competition from the very start, and was the only competitor to throw over 40 feet.

"I told Nicole today 'everybody's gunning for you. Everybody wants to beat the shot putter in the state,'" explained Plainfield head coach John Greisi. "After that it was

all business."

Simms is now in the business of setting records. Her rapid development can be attributed in part to hard work with the weights. The 6-1, 190 pound star can bench press over 200 pounds and squat over 250 pounds, according to coach Greisi. She is now ranked as the top ranked shot putter on the east coast, the top freshman shot putter in America and the #6 shot putter in the nation overall, Greisi added. And she's only in the ninth grade.

"She can even get better," said Greisi. "Her goal is to go 50 feet. And be the first 50-footer on the East Coast. She also has dreams of competing in the 1992 Olympic Trials."

"A kid like this comes along once in a lifetime."

Greisi foresees more success for Simms, and more success for the Lady Cardinal track program this spring.

"All of these kids have really made me very happy this year. From what I've seen, it can be a real outstanding spring season. I'm just pumped about the way the kids are performing."

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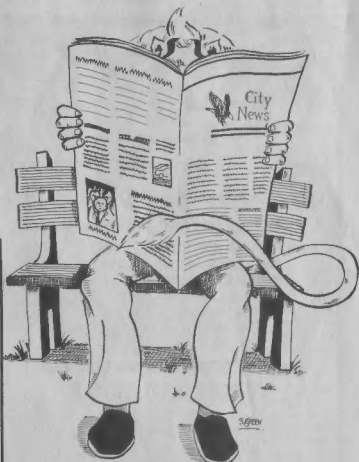
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